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SUBJ: AMERICANS IN SOUTH VIETNAM

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1. FYI. SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS WAS ESTABLISHED IN MEXICO CITY BY WEALTHY AMERICAN SOME 40 YEARS AGOO, EVIDENTLY AFTER HAVING OPERATED ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA. IT IS A PRIVATE CHURCH-RELATED ENDEAVOR SUPPORTED MAINLY BY AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHRUCHES AND AIMED AT DEVELOPING WRITTEN FORMS FOR INDIAN LANGUAGES AS A STEP TOWARD TRANSLATING BIBLE INTO THOSE LANGUAGES. INSTITUTE RECRUITSMOSTLY YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES FOR ITS FIELD WORK, GIVES THEM FOUR TO SIX MONTHS LINGUISTCS TRAINING, THEN SENDS THEM OFF TO LIVE ON SUBSISTENCE BASIS IN NATIVE VILLAGES. THEY MAY SPEND SEVERAL YEARS LEARNING LANGUAGE AND DEVISING ALPHABET AND WRITTEN FORMS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE YOUNG FIELD WORKERS TEND TO BE INTENSE, HIGHLY-DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS. REPORTEDLY, SOME ARE ENGAGED IN THIS TYPE WORK WITHIN SOVIET UNION AT PRESENT. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THEIR ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT CONTACTED LOCAL DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE IN VIEW OF SENSITIVE NATURE OF QUERY FROM PEKING. HOWEVER, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT, WE WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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